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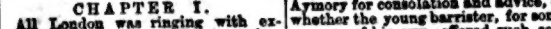
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CHAPTER I.

A black and white illustration of a man and a woman. The man, on the left, is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a bow tie. He is looking towards the woman. The woman, on the right, is wearing a dark, long-sleeved dress with a high collar and a full skirt. She is looking back at the man. They appear to be in a formal or semi-formal setting.

and her eyes were swollen with weeping, and when she said, "I do love a night, Mr. —, I know I do," I was for the nonce so taken aback by her altered appearance that I quite forgot the customary compliment. I had got the customer, and she was very firm upon one point. She had given her hand for no cause for such a crime. Her Aunt had been a friend, and a kind friend; but a most disinterested and respectable one, and she could not allow her name to be used in her Harry's connection for such an awful deed. There was a hall-mark of truth upon her manner, and upon her speech, and I went as far more than ever inclined to think that a woman really misjudged by people in general. I had never so truly treated indeed, by the old goddesses.

That night, after retiring from the theatre, I was sitting in my study at the Mansions, smoking my customary

clear, before reflecting to my
 couch. The moon was warm, and
 comfortable, so I opened the window.
 The trees in the square were wrapped
 in bluish haze, through which the
 of the leaves, and the points of
 grass, and the tops of the f
 glinted with little lines of silve
 and the moon in an artist ind
 for Linlin is more precise than
 she in transforming a prosaic Lon
 square into a fairy garden, twink
 in soft pearly tints, in the mid
 which even used to be called
 because of its beauty and graceful

I sat myself down by the window
 drew fairy figures and draperies co
 own into the foliage of the square
 and I peopled the silent ward
 folk red and blue, and the
 the misty moonlight, my
 wandered from the Watsuen pic
 which I had made of the square to

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"I say it is a very extraordinary thing," he observed, "which I instantly recognised as Harry Elmsley's, and which made me jump from my chair. If what I heard was startling, what I saw was still more extraordinary, for there, opposite me, snugly ensconced in a big armchair, sat Harry Elmsley himself, habited as I had last seen him, and with the half sickly smile which his face usually wore when his mind was preoccupied. My attention was so great that it reduced it to the indifference of common-place."

"All St. Whitehall-place," I said to myself, "is hunting after that man, and here he is in my room."

"It is strange," he said, in a hoarse, guttural sort of voice, which sounded for all the world as if he were suffering from a bad cold. He looked

"I came," he answered, waiting for me to express myself. "I came because I want to do me a service."

"A service?" I stammered.

"You are dead, you can't want me from me."

"No, do, though," he retorted emotionally. "I want you to undertake defence."

"Your defence?" I asked, with hesitation not unmixt with a tinge of amusement at the preposterousness of the proposal.

"But my defence," he repeated, "can only be fully accused of murder."

"On if you are dead," I suggested. "What can it matter to you, whether or not you are wrongfully accused?"

"It matters a great deal," he answered with a shrug. "I am a little down with. You won't have a job. All I will ask you is to get down there, to take some blank pen-

clearing my memory—not too late, for as it is—from the asperities of crime, the guilt of crime is not so clear as it would be to be lenient to those who have injured me, grateful and appreciative to those who have done me, and sternly impartial to myself. But my especial reason for telling this story lies in the fact that my secret has died with me, and I know that, were I to reveal it, I should be bringing it to light. It is not possible that I should take revenge, and the murderer will in time reap the punishment earned by his ghastly deeds. It is not my province to arraign him before a tribunal of mortals. The nation's grief will, therefore, be satisfied by my intended disclosures. These lines are printed, and there shall be no further reference to the facts, and, perhaps, one emphasis dear to me, will think better than she has hitherto done, and I shall know that I was less than I have been painted to be. I have been painted to be a woman of the name, and I am untimely and unbecomingly endeavoring to put him into what is possible to him of against the day of reckoning, when I close at hand, indeed.

(To be continued.)

EARTHQUAKE IN AUSTRIA
Another violent earthquake has been felt at Matzen, Spangau and Gaurandorf, on the north-border of the district in Lower Austria, which was visited by the earthquake of the 28th ult. The bells in the steeples clashed together owing to the violence of the oscillation, and inhabitants fled in terror to the fields for refuge.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE

Messrs. Ward, Lock, and Co., receive a warm welcome in the numerous households whose members on their leisure time in useful ornamental work. The contents of a very wide field, as may be conjectured from the fact that they exist in nearly every branch of the industry. They admit that the student beginner can scarcely fail to derive profitable guidance from them. Messrs. Hulton and Co. supplement their previous catering for Christmas with two new and handsomely mounted volumes respectively entitled "32 More Games for Boys" and "32 More Games for Girls." A new edition of "First for Girls, male and female, have impressed into the service by these two Mr. Alfred H. Miles, and the result is a couple of gift-books for the year which hold their own with the best produced this autumn. "Italian Gift Cards" (Matheson and Sons) and "The diminutive volume of "Agnes and the such as are tired of whistling and other established British favorites. We cannot say whether they are of an exciting nature, as we have not studied their rules sufficiently to do so at any game out of the whole lot. "The Dark Archers" (John Lane) is

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SOCIETY GOSSIP.

It is doubtful whether the Queen's any drawing rooms here, and the consequence is that the usual four drawing rooms of the Queen, while Her Majesty would hold a court in May, and the diplo- matic corps, besides a number of ladies and personages having to be of the "entree" would be allowed Mr. Prince's story about the Queen's drawing rooms is a rather curious challenge to Mr. Disraeli's literary romance, and it is wonderful how much rubbish he could get away with. The Queen's drawing rooms are in the Palace of St. James, and are open to the public from a stately room

Parliament, and in previous sessions was as pertinent a session. He had given notice of the Coercion Bill. His followers waited for him to move that they read that day six months. He said he sent soldiers across new exports where was he? The evidence the Court shows what he was doing

A baby born in Page a few days ago, weighed but and seven ounces.

CLIPPINGS

never go anywhere.

THE DOGS AND EFFECT.

If baby Tom—or Jack—by rote
To learn you'd wish, why, any note
Would bid you send him—with a foot
To a preceptor's school.

(From *FRANC*.)

EXPERIENCE DOGS.—And are you
To give me something for my birthday,
And I am not a child? "No," "Then
Is it to be something useful?"

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SENTENCE OF DEATH.

—John Charles Pearcey, carpenter, of H street, Camden Town, examined by Mr. H. said: I have known the prisoner about 10 years. After an acquaintance of about 10 months we lived together for about 10 years at Bayham-street. During the portion of the time she made the acquaintance of Mr. Hogg, I saw her in his company frequently, and in consequence of that I left a cardigan jacket behind me, and recognise the jacket now produced as mine. After I ceased to live with her I saw her frequently, but only passed the time of day. I never visited her. I was told she had moved to Priory-street. On the morning of the 17th of October standing outside her house, I asked her why the blinds of the house were drawn down, and said that a young brother of hers was dead, and she was making mourning.—Cross-examined by Mr. Hutton: She told me she was about 17 or 18 when I first met her. She told me she was supporting herself by being at a needle-factory.—When you saw her last?—How? About two years ago?—What the cause of your leaving her?—Partly.—Not the chief cause?—Mr. Gill: Was there some other cause?—There was another gentleman.—Plans of premises at Priory-street were then put before Police-constable Hollis, who had drawn up a plan of the premises.—
—Martha Styles, a domestic servant, h

on crumbly friendly terms? Very friendly terms; nothing further. There was no intercourse at all before my marriage.—Just consider, do you really mean to say, living opposite to this woman for nearly two years and believing her to be married, that there was not intimacy till December, 1893? Yes, sir; there was not. We were only friendly terms. Now, then, what was the prisoner's letter of the 2nd October, in which Mrs. Pearcy wrote:—"Don't think of going away from me." Is that the letter from a friend only? I had been intimate with her then.—Now listen to this: "My dear loving Frank." Do you mean to say that there has been no affection, no loving, or kissing? No, no, no; I can't say that. Now, sir, after these words, I say that you were not on alone and intimate terms with her? I had not been intimate with her then; not criminally intimate.—The Judge: Had you not told her you loved her? I might have told her.—Do you mean to say that after that you never had any intimacy with her till the month after the murder? No, no, no; I was kissing her then she separated from her husband.—Is your explanation this, that you waited till she separated from her husband? I did not know she was going to separate from him. I did not know till she went to Priory-street. I never asked her if she was married. She told me she was married. I was kissing her then I asked to move her things to Priory-street but only as a friend.—Mr. Hutton continued reading: "Frank, dear, you said, 'If I loved you. What do you mean by that? Don't you know that I do? How can I prove to you that I do love you dearly?'" "Can't you receive that letter?" "Can't call it to mind.—Consider it, please." "If there is anything I can do to prove it, I promise you it shall be done. You have more power over me than any one on earth. When I say that, I say all. Do have a vote for me when I come to-morrow." Do you mean to say, after hearing that letter read, that there was no intimacy between you and her until December? No, no, no; I was kissing her then. I was kissing her then I asked to move her things to Priory-street.—Shall I see you at two o'clock to-morrow (Wednesday)? Come if you can, dear, even if you can't stop long. I have got such a head ache or heart ache, I can't see, so please excuse this short note.—Your ever loving, M. E." Do you still adhere to your statement? Yes.—The Judge: Does it not trouble you to read this letter?—Mr. Hutton: Did you write to her at that time? I cannot be positive.—I will read you this letter:—"October 25.—Dear Frank,—Thanks for your letter. It was so good of you to send it. Then you did send one occasionally?" "I am thinking how selfish I am for asking you to come here and see me. Of course you didn't want to be bothered. I am sure you don't care." Friday shall be very glad to see you. I am afraid to come to the shop as it might make mischief, so to prevent it I had better not come in or ugly things might be said sometimes which are not nice to hear, so when I come to the shop again I shall be very careful, especially if any inquisitive lady might come in. You know who I mean? The Judge: Did you know who was meant by "any inquisitive lady?"—The Judge: But she speaks as if you were supposed to know who it was. Was it your wife she meant? Oh, no, my lord.—Mrs. Hutton: Were there so many ladies then coming into your shop to make remarks about you? No.—The Judge: Then you can remember who it was? No.—The Judge: I am afraid to mind at all.—Mr. Hutton continued reading:—"The time seemed so long to-day. Every minute seemed an hour waiting for you. In this false world we don't know who are our friends and who are our enemies. We all have enemies and we all need friends."

Now, then, or does my right
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—Do you remember receiving that? I can't call it to mind.—Mr. Hutton next read the letter, in which Mrs. Pearcy referred to an evident impression that she had that Hogg was contemplating suicide. She said, "I cannot bear to see you any more this evening. Try to do things well in the end. Why should you try to take your life because you cannot have everything you want? Never take that which you cannot give."—Did you want to take your life at that time? I cannot recall it.—The Judge: Just try and recall it. Don't let this be a moment of thinking. You must remember a thing like that? I cannot recall it.—Will you swear you did not? No, I did not.—You never thought of taking your life? No.—Then it is pure imagination of her part? I suppose so.—Now, at this time, the 18th of November, were you married? No, on the 22nd of November I was married. Had you been engaged to our wife? About that time.—You had been carrying on with Mrs. Pearcy, or had been friendly with her, all the time you were engaged to your wife? Yes.—Being further cross-examined as to his visit to No. 2, Priory-street on the night of the 26th, witness said he did not go to the back kitchen, but he did go to the parlour, and he went there from the hall.—He was in a room for luncheon, the cross-examination of Hogg was continued. He said: When my wife was ill last Christmas the prisoner slept on a couch in the next room to hers. My wife always had a friendship for her, and she never suspected our intimacy. The prisoner was always a very kind and affectionate nature. I never suspected my wife was a dissolute woman with luxuries.—What your usual time for returning home? I never know. On the night of the murder found the saucepan with my dinner prepared for me when I got home. I had not been to the prisoner's house at all that day.—Re-examine by Mr. Gill: I have been shown

which was found at the house in Priory-street, and I believe it to be the one that belonged to me, and which the prisoner took from a drawer while she was nursing my wife. The prisoner took the revolver from the drawer, and laughingly said she would take it as she was lonely in her room, and she further cross-examined.—Mr. Hutton: When she took the revolver, it was before my wife was ill, and the latter was present at the time. It was then she said she was lonely. (Sensation.)—Mrs. Butler, wife of a mason living at 2, Priory-street, on the second floor said she had seen the deceased and her husband there, and about a fortnight before the murder Mrs. Butler said she showed her the child of the prisoner.—"My sister-in-law." On the morning of the murder witness went into the prisoner's kitchen and found her

READING A NOVELTIES

by the fire. There was a mouse on the dresser, and on the witness's recommendation the prisoner went out and killed it. Witness went out at one o'clock. The passage was lit by the lamp which Mrs. Pearcy usually put there not having been lighted. She saw against a perambulator in the dark. Mr. Pearcy was at her door, and she said, "Mind!" Witness said, "All right, I see what it is, and I have put on the light." Witness was dressed and had her hat on. About ten minutes after six o'clock witness went out to see when the perambulator had gone

following morning, going into the back yard where he found a quantity of burnt paper, the mat, and three two paces of glass had been broken in the scullery. The washhouse or bath was swamped with water. There were two bins there also, in which were some lace curtains which had blood upon them. These were the curtains which used hang in Mrs. Pearcey's kitchen. At about eight o'clock Mr. Hutton entered the house and saw a half pall filled with water with two cloths in it. There were marks upon the cloths.—Cross-examined: Whenever I saw Mrs. Henry visiting her, Pearcey they always seemed to be on most friendly terms. I did not see anybody with him at a quarter of seven.

—Det.-sergt. Banister: He could not go into his kitchen or bed-room.—Walter Butler, ex-husband of the last witness, said that on the 26th he returned home about six o'clock the evening. The passage was dark. The prisoner was there and said, "Kidd, Mr. Butler, there is a bannistie in the passage; better me head a quarrel." She then took hold of his hands and led him past the bannistie. He thanked her and went upstairs. He noticed that she did not seem to speak in her ordinary way. As a quarter past nine, on going downstairs, he noticed a light under the prisoner's kitchen door. On coming down at a quarter to nine the following morning he met Mrs. Pearcey carrying parcels from the prisoner's bed-room. She came out, shut the door behind her, and said to me, "Mr. Butler, can you give me any information what time it was when you came home when the bannistie was in the passage?" I replied, "It was between six o'clock and two minutes past six." She then went up into the bedroom and stayed there until it was quite dark when I met Mrs. Pearcey in the passage, but I was not able to recognize her.—Elizabeth Rogers, Priory-place, said she had done mauling or the prisoner for about six months.

On the 26th October, as she was turning into Priory-street, about two minutes past six, she met Mrs. Pearcey carrying parcels. The road was higher at the foot of the machine than towards the handies. The direction in which she was going would lead her round onto Prince of Wales-road.—Annie Gardner, living in Crossland-road, Kentish Town, deposed to having met a woman on the 26th October near the thoroughfare leading off from the station, who was heavily loaded. This was about half-past six. She had since identified the prisoner as the woman she saw. The load appeared to be covered with a black clothshawl.—Cross-examined: She had never seen the prisoner before she met her with the paraphernalia. The prisoner was dressed in black clothes. When asked how she knew if the deceased had deposited to disavowing the body of the deceased at about half-past seven on the 26th October, in the Crossfield-road, Hampstead, under circumstances already reported.—P.C. Arthur Gardiner, 308 B Division, deposed to having been fetched by the last witness to take charge of the body.—The court then adjourned.

FINDING THE BODY.

On the case being resumed on Tuesday, further evidence was briefly taken with respect to the discovery of the body.—Det.-sergt. Murray, describing his interview with the prisoner at 2, Priory-street, on the day following the murder, said the accused had explained the broken parcel as some milk and broke them. A Witness had then observed her to say, "I believe you saw her yesterday." She said, "I know I should have told you before this."

She called at about six o'clock, and asked me to take care of the child, and wanted some money, but she did not come inside. I told Clara that I did not like to take notice of anything about it, as it would seem a diagnosis to ask for money. This prisoner had said in an agitated manner, and her voice trembled.—Mr. Hutton cross-examined this witness, but did not shake his testimony.—Det. Parsons repeated further statements of the prisoner, which she made on the same night, and said she thought it was all lies. I have not been asked that question. She did come here about six o'clock, and asked me to lend her 2s., and to mind the child. I told her I could not lend her the money, as I had none, and could not mind the child, as I was going out. I told Clara of this, but she advised me to say nothing about it, as it might make her die short of money."

THE FEMALE SEARCHER.

Sarah Sawhill, a female searcher employed at the Kentish Town Police Station, was the next witness. In reply to Mr. Fulton, she said the prisoner made the following remarks to her whilst she was searching her on the night of the arrest:—"What are you doing? You are taking my things away from me." On Wednesday afternoon, She passed me by, and took no notice of me. On Thursday I wrote a note to her, and sent it by a boy, who was to wait for an answer. It was to invite her to tea on Friday.—Mr. Fulton: What followed?—Witness: I asked, "If Mrs. Hog came, and the prisoner told me, 'You are taking my things away from me,' would you let me search her?" Was there anything else? Prisoner went on to say, "Mrs. Hog made some remark which I did not like. One word brought up another." Then she stopped, and added, "Perhaps I had better not say any more." Mr. Fulton: Is that all she said? That was all.—Witness went on to say, in accordance with her previous statements, she took away the clothes which Mrs. Pearcey was wearing and provided her with others.—Cross-examined by Mr. Hutton: To whom did you first relate this conversation? To Insp. Anderson, on the Thursday following.—Did you make a note of it at the time? No.—Who did you think it referred to? I don't know! Did I tell you you talked in a drunken fashion? It came out accidentally.

We were talking about the matter, and I told him.—Why did you not tell Inspector Banister? Because I did not see him.—Is that really the reason you give? Because you did not see him? Yes, that is the reason.

THE PRISONER WHISTLING.

Det.-inspec. Banister, repeating his evidence, produced the formidable poker with the ring handle and having the top of it bent. He also handed to the judge two ordinary carrying knives, one of them having been stained with blood; a card-case containing one card, viz., the 10 of Hearts; cigarettes, and four other articles, all of which he had found at 2, Priory-street. In the kitchen there was a black skirt and apron, both blood-stained, and the latter recently washed. He also found a purse containing 10s. in silver, 6d. in bronze, and a pawnbroker's duplicate. When witness took the knives into the prison, she gave the following explanation:—"The Judge: Did she whistle tunes?—Witness: No; to herself.—Examination continued: When I returned, having been upstairs, she was still whistling. When prisoner was arrested she jumped out of the chair and said, "You can arrest me, if you like; I am quite willing to go with you." She handed me a card of 141, Prince of Wales-road, saying, "Clara gave it to me to-day." On the way to the police station prisoner said, "Why do you charge me with thieving?" and said, "On account of the evidence. She said, 'Well, I couldn't do such a dreadful thing.'—When we got hurt any one on the street, the prisoner took over her gloves and the station noticed they were filthy and torn about. I had given the female searcher certain directions, and the prisoner's clothes were handed to me. On the 26th I found the revolver in the damaged

were in the kitchen at 2, Priory-street. I doubt if I found a button (produced) which was attached to a classical garment, wearing a lacy. This button was found on the jacket of the deceased, one which was missing from the sleeve. The ambulator could be wheeled from the street to the kitchen. I have experimented with exactly like it.—Mr. Gill: Did you enquire to the whether the perambulator could be used to carry a body?—Mr. Hutton: All these questions are answers. A woman's evidence is no better than a prisoner's.—Witness produced two other knives, of them very sharp and blood-stained.

INTRINSIC MEDICAL EVIDENCE.
 Mr. Thomas Ross, F.R.C.S., described the wounds upon the body of the deceased, the marks upon the clothing, the hands, feet, and the state of the victim's hands, which were scratched and abraded. Some of the marks looked like those of finger nails. Prisoner's hands were strong and well shaped. The hair on the back of the head was blood-stained, and hair seemed to the lining. They corresponded to the marks on the deceased. Deceased appeared to be a woman of good health and ill-made. At the request of the judge, the jurymen selected a small knife, which he thought might have produced the wounds. He handled all the knives in turn as they laid before him, and described the marks upon a large one, which was too blunt for the purpose.—The ambulator was recalled to explain the discovery in the prisoner's hand, and the discovery of this portion of the case the prisoner continued to gaze in front of her towards the judge, but making no movement of any kind. Mr. Chastworthy, undertaker, said the body of the woman weighed six lbs., and the child six lbs.—The witness was recalled to explain the discovery in the prisoner's hand, and the discovery of this portion of the case the prisoner continued to gaze in front of her towards the judge, but making no movement of any kind. Mr. Chastworthy, undertaker, said the body of the woman weighed six lbs., and the child six lbs.—The witness was recalled to explain the discovery in the prisoner's hand, and the discovery of this portion of the case the prisoner continued to gaze in front of her towards the judge, but making no movement of any kind.

The height of the woman might have been six ft. six in.—Mr. Forster, surgeon, repeated at length the evidence given by him before the magistrates as to the wounds he found on the head and body of the deceased woman.—Was the wound in the neck produced during life? In my opinion was. There was very little blood in the wound, and scarcely any blood in the internal organs, and the wound was made and healed.—Would the injuries to the neck be likely to cause unconsciousness?—By one of the three of them could.—By the Judge: The unconscious might be accompanied by convulsions.—Examination continued: In your opinion one of these injuries have been inflicted by Mr. Hutton? Oh, quite impossible.—Could you form any opinion as to whether the person who struck the blows? The wounds being could only have been inflicted from behind, and the person must have been a little to the side. The position must have varied, however, as to the other wounds. It is impossible to tell which blow was struck first or in what order they were dealt.—Were the wounds on the scalp all inflicted during life? I think there is no doubt about that.—Why? Because there is no much blood. I also made a post mortem examination of the body of the child. I think it died from smothering or from exposure to the cold. I also examined the woman and produced found a large quantity of blood clotted blood found in the prisoner's hair attached to it, some of which were human and some not.—By the Judge: I cannot say that the hairs were those of the deceased.—Witness inspected the knives, and selected a small one as a possible weapon, and another as a most likely one to have caused the wounds.—The witness then spoke to the examination of articles of clothing, bundles which were produced. Amongst them was the prisoner's garments. Some of them were, the witness said, stained with the blood of a mammal, but he added that he could not say that any of the stains were of human blood. Clothing removed from the kitchen was produced, and several inspectors proceeded to procure taking up the time. Altogether there were twenty-eight articles upon which he found blood traces.—The court adjourned for the prosecution, and the court adjourned for luncheon, Mr. Hutton stating that he called no witnesses.—A large crowd had collected outside the Old Bailey, and some of the women who had given the evidence in the case were in the queue in the street they were followed by a mob of curious spectators.

ADDRESSES OF COURAGE.
 Mr. Forrest Fulton summed up the case for the prosecution. The evidence established, he said, a very strong motive for the crime, the prisoner having conceived a strong dislike to Mr. Hutton for his lewdness and displayed, and, at the time of his marriage, it was likely there was a feeling of animosity upon the part of the prisoner towards the woman who occupied her place. The strong body of evidence pointed in one direction only—namely, that the prisoner at the bar was the person who committed the crime. He asked the jury to have letters to him to discover the nature of the defence. No other person had been suggested as likely to have done the deed, and it would be an extraordinary flight of imagination to come to the conclusion that the murder was perpetrated in any other place than 2, Priory-street; and, upon this point, the discovery of the blood on the hands of the deceased in the dustbin of that house was conclusive that Mrs. Hogg had been there. The body of the child was taken to the field at Finchley upon a second journey. He maintained that the case had been overwhelmingly established, and the duty of the jury, however painful, was plain to give a verdict of pronouncement with evidence. Mr. Hutton, addressing the jury for the defence, at a quarter past three, invited them to consider whether the chain of circumstantial evidence was sufficiently strong to prove the guilt of the woman. It was not the duty of the defence to set up any other person as having committed the crime. The case was a very sorry still, and it was not right to say a better person than the prisoner, or that any other person had committed the crime, therefore the prisoner was culpable. The nature of the crime made it impossible for them to believe, without the strongest evidence, that a woman of the physique of the prisoner could have committed it. If the murder had been premeditated, if this were a plot and a plan and the prisoner had lured the deceased into her room by a note, why did she not take more precautions, and clean the place better, and change her dress, by which she might have evaded suspicion. If she had been guilty she might have escaped. The prisoner was the strongest motive before the jury could come to the conclusion that the woman was guilty. In conclusion, he asked them to look upon her life, to reflect upon the absence of motive, and upon the affection she had always borne towards Mr. Hogg and his family, and then to consider—would he earnestly ask them to pause and hesitate before saying that it was the hand of your Eleanor Wheeler that committed the crime.

THE SUMMING-UP.
 Mr. Justice Denman, in summing-up the case to the jury, said Mr. Hutton had addressed them on behalf of the prisoner in as powerful and as discreet a speech as he had ever listened to. Mr. Hutton had abstained from the claptrap they too often had to listen to, but he had addressed himself to the facts of the case, and he had shown that he was determined to grapple with them according to his ability and manfully, and with loyalty to the profession to which he belonged. Indeed, on both sides, the case had been conducted with ability, and with the most perfect frankness and fairness. His lordship proceeded to lay down the law of murder, stating that it was not at all necessary to prove

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OLD BAILEY TRIALS

West London.
COLLECTIVE SPAGNIFICATION FOR THE BRIGADE—Andrew Spang, who wore a fur coat under an overcoat, was with being concerned in attempting to subscriptions by falsely representing to be an inspector of the Chiswick Brigade.—Mr. Haynes appeared to pay for the Chiswick Brigade, and the brigade was supported out of the rate. Curtis Bennett observed that it was well there were not any collectors in the polis. In a former case he elicited that one man received 50 per cent of the collection, and another who helped him 20 per cent, making altogether 70 per cent.

A class of students—Mr. Messers personally called for the month. John Thompson, proprietor of the Thames police, went to 10, Colindale-street, with others, and on searching the prisoner's room he found a hundredweight of notes of the Bank of England, the London and Westminster Banking Paper Company, Old Broad-street, identified the paper found on the prisoner's premises by Inspector Nagan, especially by the firm for Messrs. S. of Thames-street. In a preliminary investigation, the police discovered a quantity of paper of a similar description found from the 11th of March—P. S. P. the Thames Police, asked for a further

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of the scarlet fever patients; and this it would be 70 per cent. of all the patients afflicted with scarlet fever.—The motion carried after some discussion.

Mr. James Cox, builder and house decorator, of 24, Podley-street, Bethnal Green, writes to say that he is not the Mr. Cox mentioned by the same thoroughfare, who lined at the Worship-street Police Court an assault on a kaffir.

THE COMPASSIONATE DRINKER'S DEDICATION TO GUILTY MEN.—A man of this name recently. They per the benefits of mercury, without any of its disadvantages. He is a man of a fine physique, and a fine mind, and a fine heart. He is a man of a fine physique, and a fine mind, and a fine heart. He is a man of a fine physique, and a fine mind, and a fine heart.

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After a most enjoyable period in London, Harry Day has taken his pictorial entourage, entitled "Stanley, or, Through Dark Continent," on a tour in the provinces and has made an excellent start, and Harry, Manchester, has been the recipient from Mr. Stanley, congratulations on the excellence of his entertainments.

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IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Monday. Lord Salisbury, in reply to the Queen's speech, said that the Government were determined to do everything in their power to secure the best possible provision for the recovery of tithes in England and Wales. He said it contained a provision relating to the redemption of tithes; and that, in deference to a desire which had been expressed for an inquiry into the branch of the subject, the Government intended to advise Her Majesty to appoint a small royal commission to make an inquiry. By the bill the owner of the tithable lands was alone made liable for payment of the charge; he would be unable to contract himself out of the obligation, any stipulations in existing contracts making the occupier liable were annulled, the charge would be recoverable only in the county court, and it would be payable in instalments of one-third of the annual value of the land. Three amendments stood on the paper, but only one, in the name of Mr. Stuart Rendel, was moved, to the effect that tithes being national property, the tithes rent-charge in Wales should be applied, in accordance with the wishes of the people of the Principality. Mr. Osmond Mackenzie seconded the amendment, which was supported by a large number of the Welsh Liberals. All the leaders of the Opposition were absent during the whole debate from the close of Sir M. H. Beach's speech. On a division, the amendment was rejected by 224 to 130, and the bill was read a second time.

HOUSE OF LORDS—Tuesday. The Earl of Mountbatten brought down her Majesty's reply to the address in answer to the speech from the throne. Their Lordships read a second time Lord Stanley's bill for giving compulsory power to acquire sites for intermediate schools, markets, &c. The same noble lord's bill, the Education Bill, was also read a second time. The Lord Chancellor, replying to Lord Norton, stated that he had been informed by the Home Secretary that a bill had been prepared to restore to the scale of punishments on the statute-book the three years' term of penal servitude, which had been omitted by the Act of 1879. Their Lordships adjourned to Monday.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Tuesday. Dr. Koch's Motion. Sir J. Fergusson informed Sir W. Foster that the Government had applied for a quantity of Dr. Koch's fluid for the treatment of tubercular diseases, but as the supply was small it had not been obtained.

THE IRISH LAND BILL. Mr. Balfour moved the second reading of the Irish Land Purchase Bill. Mr. J. Ellis moved, as an amendment, that the House declined to pledge the credit of the country to the scheme proposed by the bill, as being alike unsafe to the Imperial Exchequer and unjust to the Irish occupiers. Mr. Balfour supported the amendment, chiefly on the grounds that there was no local control provided over the transactions, the suggested publicity of the ratepayers being quite inadequate, and that the present Parliament had been returned on the honourable understanding that the credit of the British Exchequer was not to be pledged for a land purchase scheme. Mr. Balfour asked what was to be the total amount of money required to carry out the scheme for the whole of Ireland. He advised the Government to withdraw the omission of the twenty years maximum in the valuation of the property to be purchased, and recommended that the local authority should be left to decide whether the Act should be put in force or not. Mr. Balfour said he had calculated that it would require about ninety-five millions to complete land purchase in Ireland; but deducting the cases where tenants did not desire to purchase, and applying the repayments of the thirty millions granted by the bill, it would require considerably less than that sum. In the case of instalments falling into arrear, the Government would not be on behalf of the British Treasury, but of the local authority. He defended the bill as it stood. In the course of the debate, which continued till midnight, Mr. Haldane and Sir E. Grey supported the bill. The debate on the motion of Mr. Storey was adjourned.

IRISH RAILWAYS. The Transfer of Irish Railways Bill was read a second time, after a division, the numbers being 224 for the second reading and 73 against.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Wednesday.

LAND PURCHASE BILL. The debate on Mr. J. Ellis's amendment in opposition to Mr. Balfour's motion for the second reading of the Irish Land Purchase Bill occupied the whole sitting to-day. Till near the hour for the division, not more than twenty members were present for a time. Sir W. Foster, who was present for a few minutes, made some bantering remarks about an observation by Sir J. Colclough, but did not discuss the bill. Mr. Shaw-Lefevre was the only other speaker from the Opposition bench, and though Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Morley came in during the afternoon, they remained for a quarter of an hour only. On did not return to the amendment was defeated by 245 to 173. Mr. Parnell and a number of Irish members voted for the amendment. Mr. W. H. Smith then moved that the question of the second reading be now put, and his motion was carried, after a division, by 245 to 172. The House next divided on the motion for the second reading, which was carried by 263 to 130, and the bill was read a second time.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Thursday.

MAGAZINE INPATRY RIFLES. Mr. E. Stanbury, in reply to Mr. Hanbury, stated that no such order had been given, as was reported in the Times to-day, that the whole of the ammunition marked No. 1 for the magazine rifles had been withdrawn. Some rifles had been sent to Hyde in 1888, and the report upon was unfavourable and curious as to the variance with a view of the report made by regimental officers and others after the rifle was placed in the hands of private soldiers.

THE CARTRIDGE OF REVOLVERS.

Mr. GOSCHER informed Mr. Talbot that every person who carried a revolver was bound to pay the same licence as if he carried a gun. Whether it was always done he was not aware. (A laugh.) Certainly, any one who carried a revolver without the licence would be prosecuted. The general question of taking any steps to restrict the sale of revolvers had been referred to the Home Office. He understood that that office was considering the subject, which was a difficult one. (Hear, hear.) Mr. J. Lowthian asked whether the advisability of increasing the cost of the licence would be considered. Mr. Goscher said his professional advisers did not see their way to doing that. However, he would further consider the matter. (Hear, hear.)

THE METROPOLITAN POLICE.

Mr. MATTHEWS, replying to Mr. Pickersill, said he had sanctioned an improved scheme of pay for all the details were not officially settled. He would lay the police order, in which the details would appear, upon the table of the House.

THE GAS COMPANIES AND STINKERS.

Mr. MATTHEWS informed Mr. C. Graham that he had informed the Gas Light and Coke

Company that her Majesty's Government could not interfere in any dispute between employer and employee so long as both parties agreed to the terms, but they might think it right to do something to avert the danger as would arise if London were plunged in complete darkness for an indefinite period.

THE CASE OF HARGREAVES. Mr. J. Lowthian gave notice that on the earliest opportunity he would call attention to the grave miscarriage of justice which had arisen in the case of Walter Hargreaves, who was sentenced to a long period of penal servitude for defending his own life. (Hear, hear.) He would move a humble address to the Queen for a free pardon. (Hear, hear.)

THE DISTRESS IN IRELAND.

Government Proceedings. The House took into committee of supply, and on a vote of 25,000 to defray certain charges relating to distress in Ireland. Mr. Balfour (who was received with cheers), said the sum he now asked for was relatively a trifling one. However, he thought it was a convenient opportunity for him to explain on behalf of the Government their view as to the character of Irish distress and the methods by which they proposed to deal with it. In a large portion of the western and seaboard districts of Ireland the failure of the potato crop had been very serious. The question was what amount of distress actually followed this state of affairs, and what was the proper way of dealing with it. (Hear, hear.) It was clear that some steps must be taken to provide for the near future. At first he entertained the idea that probably the best plan would be for the Government, taking advantage of the market, to obtain the requisite amount of seed, and to give it on conditions that Parliament thought fit to the localities requiring it. Colonel Nolan had brought in a bill framed on the lines of that of 1889, and the bill which he had introduced for the relief of distress should be taken into consideration. Under the bill of 1889 and that of Colonel Nolan the loan was granted without interest, and therefore it amounted to a free gift of the interest for the years during which the loan ran. The loan of 1889 was within a few thousands of 250,000, and the committee would see that that meant a free gift of the British taxpayer to the Irish of some thousands of pounds. The committee might think that he proposed to give a great deal too much to the Irish farmer; but he did not think that this free interest of money should be paid out of the Imperial funds. This particular contribution for the relief of distress should be made out of the Church and under the bill had introduced the Church surplus would be required to pay the interest. The only other difference between this bill and that of Colonel Nolan was that under the latter it was assumed that nobody took advantage of this loan could pay ready money. He hoped that there were some persons in the distressed districts who could and would be able to do so. (Hear, hear.) Very few Englishmen or Irishmen would pay ready money when they could get things on credit. ("Oh, oh," and laughter.) If a person bought under the bill of 1889, or under that of Colonel Nolan, and paid ready money for his potatoes, he would lose that interest which would otherwise be paid him. Under his bill, Mr. Balfour proposed that if a man was wise enough to pay ready money, he would obtain the article at 20 per cent. discount. (Cheers.) It would be seen that this was scarcely in the nature of a gift, because by paying ready money the cost of collection and insurance would be saved. Therefore there was really a financial as well as a moral ground for giving this money to the farmer. He would endeavour to see that the abuses which prevailed in 1889 should not prevail again. With regard to the general distress, Mr. Balfour said that what the Government intended to do was this. After the poor law relief mainly upon the railway works, which were now to be constructed, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Galway, Mr. O'Donnell, and Mr. O'Donnell would be undertaken under the Act of 1883, but others would be begun on the authority of the Government independent of any Act. (Hear, hear.) He had obtained the services of two engineers, and had sent them over those parts of Ireland where it was possible that there might be a serious want of work. The amount to be given in wages, either in money or kind, would be entirely under the control of the Government authorities; and, of course, he should take care that under no circumstances would relief works interfere with railway works. As to the kind of relief works he had intended to put to the House, he declared that it only required money to be spent on it to make it extremely profitable. What should be done with the land that was reclaimed was a difficult question. He thought it might be let out on short leases to occupiers of existing land, and the most desirable conditions of cultivation. Mr. J. MURPHY expressed approval of the way Mr. Balfour proposed to carry out the relief works. After some remarks from Colonel Nolan, Sir J. Colclough, Mr. Bradlaugh, Mr. T. W. Russell, and other members, Mr. Balfour replied to some of the questions that had been raised in the course of the debate, and the vote was agreed to.

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PAIGE V. PRICE AND WATHEW. The petitioner was an officer in the mercantile marine, the co-respondent being an auctioneer's clerk. The marriage took place in 1887, and a few weeks afterwards the petitioner had to go to sea, he being away from July 1887 till January 1888. The respondent, first of all, went to live with her sister at Higher Terrace, and she afterwards took a house in the neighbourhood. He had provided amply for her, but when he returned he found that she had incurred debts amounting to £200. Her very soon heard rumours that during his absence she had been seen about with the respondent. In consequence of information he received he charged her with misbehaving herself, but she stoutly denied this. Subsequently he got a letter from Mr. WatheW giving a similar denial. Later on, upon being still further pressed by her husband, she admitted the truth of the charge, but gave no particulars. He then immediately left the house, and had since been in her company. Inquiries were made, and it was ascertained that at the Gaerway Castle Hotel, near Llandudno, the respondent and co-respondent stayed from the 20th March until the 2nd April, 1888, they passing by the name of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Horton. In his evidence the petitioner denied the plea of cohabitation. He cross-examined her and said it was natural that there was one child of the marriage, but he did not claim the custody. For the defence, Mrs. Price, the respondent, was called, and said that her husband forgave her. She confessed, as she was told the co-respondent had done so. He kissed her when he sent her for a carriage to go to the station, and she had never denied that she had done wrong. In the result the jury found for the petitioner, and assessed the damages at £250. A decree nisi, with costs, was granted.

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A WIDOW IN TROUBLE.

A PAINFUL CASE. At the Westminster Police Court on Thursday, a well-dressed woman, named Mary Ann Baynes, described as a widow, and stated to be a resident of Sligo, Ireland, was charged on remand, before Mr. Do. Kintzen, with counselling and inducing one William Yelverton Devenport to perform an unlawful operation upon her. Mr. Sims prosecuted for the offence. Mr. Devenport stated that he was qualified by examination as a surgeon, and practised as such, without being registered, in Churton-street, Piccadilly. On the afternoon of the 26th ult. the prisoner called on him, saying she had been recommended by a friend, and she wished him to perform a certain operation, for which she would pay about £3. She stated that such a thing had been done successfully before, but she said it was before because she was shortly going to America. Witness pretended that he had a medical friend who would undertake the operation, and detained the prisoner while the police were communicated with, and a warrant obtained for her arrest. Cross-examined by Mr. Dutton, who was with Mr. Powell, solicitor, of Sligo, the defence witness declined to say whether he had practised improperly as a medical man. There had been proceedings against him for penitence, but the matter was still in abeyance. He showed the prisoner some instruments, and she picked out one as similar to that which had been used on her before. The prisoner then said that on the afternoon of the 26th ult. he went to 9, Churton-street, Piccadilly, where Mr. Devenport practised. Mr. Devenport brought him to the prisoner in the consulting-room, and then said to her, "Do you wish me to perform this operation?" Prisoner said, "What is anything to happen to you?" Mr. Devenport then said, "I should get no fear of that. I should not say anything." She also said that a similar operation had been performed before upon her at Boston. Mr. Devenport then asked her where her husband was. The prisoner said he had gone back to America, and that she had children there. After further conversation, the prisoner was arrested on the warrant, and she then turned to Devenport and said, "You might have let me go, if you did not intend to do it." After she was charged, a bag she had with her was searched, and the contents indicated that she came prepared for an operation. At the station she said she was a widow, and that she kept a shop at Sligo. Detective Hawkins, a Division, gave corroborative evidence of the prisoner's admissions, and said while the prisoner was detained in the Rochester-row (Westminster) Police Station he saw her throw a piece of paper into the fire, and he pulled it out, saying to her, "You must not destroy anything here." She said, "It is the only envelope, let it be, if I don't want any more of it." Mr. Sims produced the envelope, and said it was the one which he had pulled out of the fire, and read from it the name and address, "Thomas J. Thompson, Esq., 63, Grosvenor-road, Piccadilly." Also the words, written in pencil, "Get into railway carriage at Holyhead. Label for railway carriage." Mrs. Baynes, the prisoner, said that while she was in the Rochester-row Station, seeing the prisoner, she said to her, "Whatever made you do such a foolish thing?" Prisoner said she was afraid that something was wrong with her, and, unfortunately her husband was dead. Witness said, "What made you come so far?" She said to this, "I only intended to go as far as Dublin, but there was a mistake, and I was told by some one who was minding her shop, and that she did not want to bring any disgrace on her children. On the prisoner she found £3 in gold, some silver, a return ticket from London to Dublin, and one from London to Sligo. Mr. Dutton stated that the prisoner reserved her defence, and called the witnesses at present. Mr. Devenport committed the prisoner to the Central Criminal Court. He agreed to accept bail, two sureties in £100 each, and prisoner's own recognisance in double the amount, with notice to the police.

EIGHT HOURS QUESTION.

On the 25th ult. Mr. J. A. Duncan, M.P. for Barrow, opened a debate at the Westminster Club, on the subject of the eight hours question. This was the first of a series of meetings which have been organised by the executive for the winter session on Saturday nights. The club, which embraces a library, billiard room, gymnasium, and other attractions numbers some 120 members, of whom about 50 are non-resident. The subject of the eight hours question has been the subject of a series of meetings which have been organised by the executive for the winter session on Saturday nights. The club, which embraces a library, billiard room, gymnasium, and other attractions numbers some 120 members, of whom about 50 are non-resident. The subject of the eight hours question has been the subject of a series of meetings which have been organised by the executive for the winter session on Saturday nights. 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"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

St. Paul's was opened 130 years ago last Tuesday.

Mr. Gladstone occupied a box at the Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday night last.

An electric light company's employé came into contact with an electric light wire at St. Paul's and was immediately killed.

We learn with regret of the death of the Rev. Joseph Maxwell, master and chaplain of Emmanuel Hospital, Westminster.

Mr. J. A. Proude is to be the guest of the Liberal Union Club on the 16th inst. Sir Henry James will occupy the chair.

The German beet sugar manufacturers are actively agitating against the clause in the new Sugar Act providing for the abolition of export premiums.

In appreciation of the services rendered by the Imperial Bank of Persia, the Shah has conferred the Order of the Lion and Sun upon Mr. Rabbitt, the chief manager, and upon Mr. Baker, the deputy manager of the bank.

Messrs. Campbell's cotton yarn factory in Philadelphia has been destroyed by fire. One fireman was killed and three others seriously injured during their exertions to extinguish the flames. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

In Mr. Parnell's first election address, after some allusion to his confidence that, "I think I can promise you confidence that, as your representative, I will do nothing unworthy of them."

The invention of two new musical instruments is announced. One is a brass fiddle big enough to make a small cat-loaf, 14ft. over all, and 8ft. beam. The artist that plays it must use a step-ladder.

"The virtue of the world," says Oliver Wendell Holmes, "is not unity in its leaders. In the midst of the multitude which follows there is often something better than in the one which goes before."

The death is announced of the Rev. Percy Strutt, who was last year chairman of the Congregational Board of Ministers. He was 77 years old. His last pastorate was at Kilburn, from which he retired in 1873.

A great Catholic pilgrimage to Rome is being organized for next year in honour of the centenary of the death of San Luigi Gonzaga. Large numbers of pilgrims are expected from France, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, and Spain.

Three men, named Jones, Taylor, and Lamb, who tried to break through a wall in the basement of a hotel in the Hampstead district in order to rob a tailor's shop next door, were brought before the magistrate at Marylebone and committed for trial.

The cosy and prettily decorated show-rooms of society milliners are becoming favourite rendezvous for West-end ladies. They are the feminine and nineteenth century edition of the coffee-houses of the days of Steele and Addison.

President Carnot has commuted to ten years' imprisonment the sentence of death passed upon a soldier of the Army Reserve, named Coquer, for assaulting a superior officer. The sentence on Coquer was pronounced at the trial of the prisoner on the 1st inst.

The rehearsing of the charge against Mr. J. J. Jones, of illegal fishing in German territorial waters on May 13th, 1887, took place at Flensburg, when he was found guilty and sentenced to one month's imprisonment. Notice of appeal has been lodged, and the case will have to be tried again.

The number and tonnage of British vessels respecting whose losses reports were received at the Board of Trade during the month of November and the number of lives lost are as follows:—Sailing vessels, 69; tonnage, 14,563; lives lost, 132. Steam vessels, 11; tonnage, 6,414; lives lost, 14.

The arguments in the St. Paul's case have concluded in the Court of Appeal, which dismissed the appeal, affirming the decision of the Divisional Court, refusing to grant a mandamus against the Bishop of London compelling him to hear and determine the case.

The remains of the late King of Holland were transferred on Monday from the Castle of Looy to the Hague, with great ceremony and with marks of the deepest public sorrow. At the Hague, as is usual in cases of this kind, a religious service was held in the political and municipal life of Holland took part, escorted the body to the palace, where it lay in state for two days.

The Guardian understands that the Archbishop of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London have offered the bishopric of Mauritius to the Rev. William Walsh, prebendary of St. Paul's, and superintendent of the London Diocesan Home Mission, and that he has accepted the nomination. The vacancy is caused through the resignation of Dr. Roydon.

A conference of boot manufacturers was held at Leicester to consider the desirability of forming a federation of employers throughout the country. Mr. C. F. provided representatives were present from all parts of the country. A federation was decided upon, and a committee appointed to arrange details, its members representing Leicester, Bristol, Northampton, Leeds, Birmingham, and London.

Mr. Justice Bowen has given judgment in an action brought by Mr. John A. Angus, of Liverpool, against the City of Glasgow and three other directors of the Valley Gt. Rd. Company, Limited, on the ground that he had been induced by misrepresentations in the prospectus to take 2,000 shares in the company, and that he had decided in favour of the plaintiffs, and directed an inquiry to be made as to the amount of damages.

A singular railway accident occurred near Glasgow the other night. A Philéas Fogg train was leaving, and proceeding to a railway wagon to take a train for Glasgow, a goods wagon became detached, and, rushing down an incline, knocked down four of them. Two were seriously injured, and that they had to be removed to the Glasgow Infirmary. Fortunately, most of the girls, hearing a warning cry, leaped clear of the danger.

Mr. Augustus Harris has been asked by General Booth to subscribe to the "In Darkest England" Fund. In reply, the junior sheriff for the City of London has expressed his willingness to lend Drury Lane Theatre for a benefit in aid of the movement, provided that the fund is intended to be raised by the sale of the goods of the poor. Mr. Harris is at the head of the Salvation Army if he has any objection to this condition.

M. Jean de Besse, the eminent tenor, has volunteered to appear at a special performance of "Carmen" at the Opera Comique, Paris, this month, in aid of the fund for erecting a monument to Bixet, the composer. A very strong cast will be given. Madame Malibou, of Covent Garden, as Micaela; and M. La Salle as the Toreador. Although the price of the best seats was fixed at 50fr. (about £2) each, they have all been bought up.

The receipts on account of revenue from the 1st of April, 1890, when there was a balance of £23,250, to November 28th, 1890, £23,431,43, against £23,446,246 in the corresponding period of the preceding financial year, which was a balance of £23,592,002. The net expenditure was £23,592,002, against £23,592,002 to the same date in the previous year. The Treasury balance on November 28th, 1890, amounted

to £1,144,782, and at the same date in 1889 to £1,161,237.

The Princess of Wales attained her forty-sixth birthday on Monday last.

The clock is a disconcerted worker. It strikes.

A woman may not be able to find her pocket quickly, but she never has it crammed with letters which she has forgotten to post.

A telegram from Avignon states that on a train on the railway between Lyons and Tarascon.

There was a dense fog in London on Wednesday, and in the City traffic was carried on with great difficulty.

Two children who had been left alone in a room of a house in the Rue Amateurs, Paris, set themselves on fire and were both burned to death.

The Anchor liner Ethiopia, who was many days over due, is reported to be safe. The cause of her delay was the breaking of the shaft.

Dr. Michael Logue, Archbishop of Armagh, and Dr. O'Dogherty, the Bishop of Derry, have arrived in Rome, to receive instructions from the Vatican relative to the religious and social condition of Ireland.

The colonies are gradually taking a greater share of the food bill of Great Britain. Victoria is now sending butter to England, and an in-coming mail steamer brings no less than eighty tons.

The judges of the Exchequer Division in Dublin have dismissed the application made on behalf of Mr. O'Brien Dalton, one of the defendants in the Tipperary conspiracy trials, to set aside his conviction.

A despatch received in New York from Mexico states that an earthquake lasting some minutes occurred there on Tuesday morning. The shock was the severest felt for years, and the inhabitants rushed into the streets in terror.

The somewhat sudden death, at the age of 65, is announced from Paris of Signor Emanuele Muzio, the well-known opera conductor, and also the early teacher of Madame Patti and of her sister, the late Carlotta Patti.

A letter with several influential names attached to it has been forwarded to the Royal Horticultural Society, requesting the president and council to take the initiative in promoting some public memorial of the late Mr. Shirley Hibberd's life and work.

"Last Sunday morning," writes a correspondent, "I observed a pair of skylarks running about and making short flights along the roadway in Portman-square. This is another example of the effects of the recent severe weather."

Leo XIII., who is an able financier, has already accumulated a considerable amount of money, which is invested in foreign stock and deposited in foreign banks. The money is destined to create a reserve fund for the interests of the Church.

The annual "thieves' supper" was given on Monday evening at the St. Giles' Christian Mission Chapel, Little Wyld-street, Drury-lane, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor. Between three and four hundred men and boys were present.

The Earl of Enniskerry, as lord of the manor of Enniskerry, has offered to a committee of the inhabitants of that town two acres of land on the sea front, free of cost, to be laid out as a public garden, on condition that the recipients carry out the work within a year.

The Prussian Ministry of the Interior has decided that in future all unidentified corpses, either found or washed ashore, are to be photographed before burial, and the photographs preserved in the State archives to enable the deceased persons to be subsequently identified.

The body of Lord Cantelero, who was drowned near Bangor, county Down, on the 6th ult., in the wreck of his yacht, Urania, was washed ashore on Wednesday last near the scene of the disaster. The body was conveyed to an hotel in charge of the captain of the Urania and his lordship's valet.

The Post Office is waking up in some respects. With the New Year, it is understood that the department will make improved arrangements for the public use of the telephone, and the idea of popularizing the instrument, and bringing it into general employment at the same time.

It is announced in the Gazette that the Queen has given directions for the following appointments to the Order of St. Michael and St. George:—To be Ordinary Members of the Third Class or Companions of the Order: Mr. Edward Hugh Esq. and Mr. John Cameron Esq., assistant secretaries at the General Post Office.

It is officially announced that the legacy left by a Liverpool lady, named Pedlar, to the Cathedral, is the residue of her estate, which, it is estimated, will not be less than £13,000, and may be considerably more. The money is left to the bishop and Archbishop of London, and is to be applied as they see fit.

A telegram from Bremen states that the rabbi, Max Bernheim, who was accused of having killed nine Christian boys for the purpose of using their blood for a religious ceremony, has been found guilty. He has been committed to a lunatic asylum, instead of to prison, as it has been proved that the man is a religious fanatic.

Count George Waldstein, who died within three months of the death of his young wife, Countess Pasqueline Metternich, has left her a whole fortune, which amounts to about half a million dollars, to the poor of Vienna, for whom a home is to be founded with the money. The young couple were married five years, but left no children.

They have a female "faith healer" in America, who is causing no small sensation at Fort Dodge. The other day, a New York paper tells us, this lady commanded a man who had not walked for four years to rise and walk. The poor fellow could not, but when the command had been three times repeated, he left his bed, and walked to the field where his brothers were at work!

To arrive at some definite result as to the injuries caused by fog, the Scientific Committee of the Royal Horticultural Society, under the direction of Dr. D. H. Scott, of the Normal School of Science, and Dr. Francis Oliver, of London University, have undertaken to investigate the effects of London fogs on cultivated plants, and the Royal Society has granted £100 in aid of the experiment.

The employers in the Bolton cotton trade have conceded an advance of 5 per cent. to spinners, though not until a week later than was asked for. Card-room hands are offered 5 per cent. all round, instead of 10 per cent. The spinners contemplate ceasing work for a week to await the advance, and the other hands will hold another meeting to consider the offer.

In the Westminster County Court, a Mrs. Humphreys, widow of a coal porter, sued the Gas Light and Coke Company for £250, as damages sustained by her through the death of her husband. The deceased man was at work one night in March last trimming coal, and a block occurring in the "hopper" he went to remove it, and on his way he fell down a hole in the tramway, which resulted in his death. The hole had not been covered over, and the edges of the hole in the tramway had been whitened so that the man might see them. The coroner's jury returned

a verdict of accidental death. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for £150.

The Russian Government is about to reduce the railway fares all through the country.

Vinegar has been described as the "next morning" of wine.

It is not true that Easter Suici has joined the New York fast.

The prevalent opinion is that it is time for tight money to get sober.

Dr. Hamm has been writing about Dr. Koch's cure. He doubts it with faint praise.

There is a slate pencil factory at Castleton, Vt., that can turn out 30,000 pencils per day.

Sir William Thomson has been elected President of the Royal Society.

Dr. C. Merk has been elected to the professorship of the German language and literature in Queen's College, Harley-street.

A large number of valuable short stories have recently been sold out of several of the best hands for exportation to France.

Sir Henry James has summoned a meeting of the Parliamentary committee on the Factories Bill for Wednesday next.

Mr. Robert Morley has been elected hon. secretary to the Royal Society of British Artists.

Courtlip is a bad thing for some people. There have been more lives wrecked on that ship than on any other.

The Church of England Temperance Society wants a cool ten thousand now. It is expensive work, this teetotalism.

Good news for boarding-house habitude. An eminent dentist has it that the mastication of hard substances improves the teeth.

Lord Rosebery will not take part in politics this season. He will stay at Mentone during the winter.

The motto at the base of Mr. Parnell's coat of arms is "Te digna sequere." Follow things worthy of thee.

Two of the largest locomotives in the world are being made for a Canadian transport company. They weigh 200 tons each.

The death is announced of Mr. P. Hay Gurney, a member of the East Anglian banking firm of Gurneys, Birkenhead, Barclay, and Baxton.

Two accidents occurred to persons who were tobogganing on Castle Hill, Dover, the other evening. One boy had his leg broken, and another person was injured.

The old-established Vienna firm of Marech and Co., cloth manufacturers, has failed, with liabilities amounting to 130,000 florins. Several English firms are among the creditors.

At West Ham, Elizabeth Wood has been fined 20s., with 12s. costs, for exposing her child when suffering from scarlet fever without taking proper precautions against spreading the disorder.

A Board of Trade inquiry into the recent collision between her Majesty's torpedo ship Hecia and the steamer Fairfield, by which the latter was seriously damaged, has been concluded at Malta. The court found that the Hecia was responsible for the collision.

The Home Colonisation Society has resolved, with the consent of the subscribers, to hand over its funds, amounting to £24,500 or £25,000, to Mr. Booth, towards the establishment of his English farm in Canada.

Seven Spanish bull-fighters have received lighter sentences of treatment at the hands of a Paris magistrate. They were sentenced to three days' imprisonment for not giving the notice required of persons arriving from Spain.

There was no such warm period in November this year as that which happened at the close of the first week of November last year; and the cold of the last week was much more intense than the cold experienced in any part of the month last year.

There is a very remarkable contrivance in use in the case of some of the American fire engines. It consists of a gong and machinery that fastens the halters of the horses and drops the harness upon them by electricity when an alarm is sounded.

When the charter of incorporation reaches Chatham a few days hence, it will be greeted with many manifestations of popular pleasure. It will be taken down in a special train, and will be driven round the town in a carriage drawn by four horses.

Visitors are freely admitted to Mr. Parnell's house in county Wicklow. A billiard table stands in the hall of the old house, and a writer in a morning contemporary says it is now covered with dust, and all the "pockets" are broken and dilapidated.

On Tuesday evening the annual Advent performance of Spohr's "Last Judgment," given by way of anthem in the course of a special service took place at St. Paul's Cathedral, in the presence of a congregation which numbered nearly 10,000.

It is officially announced that the Prince of Wales has consented to resume the command of his old regiment, the Honourable Artillery Company. His Royal Highness resigned his commission in 1881, owing to statements that were made to him respecting the loyalty and discipline of the regiment.

The London County Council has decided against an increase of the salaries of the members of the London Sessions. Proposals by the Housing of the Working Classes Committee to provide accommodation for the first two or three hundred persons dislodged by the Bethnal Green improvement scheme were discussed, a decision on the subject being ultimately postponed.

At the County Magistrate's Court, Liverpool, a respectable young woman, named Mary Jones, was charged with a regular series of thefts from dwelling houses at Blundellands and elsewhere, to which she had gone on pretence of wishing to see the occupiers. The prisoner, who pleaded that she was unable to help stealing, although she had no need to do it, was committed to the sessions for trial.

A good story is current in the lobby of the County Court concerning the long-drawn-out case of the London Sessions. Mr. Labouchere is credited with having gone up to Mr. Alder-Douglas, the Government whip, and asked for the "loan" of Mr. W. E. Smith for a few minutes. "What for?" was Mr. Alder-Douglas's natural inquiry. "Well," replied the plaintiff, "I want him to go to the Irish meeting and move the closure."

At Liverpool Sessions, the Recorder had before him a number of the men taken into custody during the recent police raid on betting clubs. In several instances the principals pleaded guilty to having had the care and management of the clubs, and fines of £25 were imposed. The Recorder remarked that he believed the prisoners had the means of obtaining money to pay any fine which might be inflicted. The charges against the club clerks were withdrawn.

A special court of the governors of the London Hospital was held on Wednesday to consider allegations reflecting on the nursing department of that institution. Mr. J. H. Burton, who presided, explained that the nursing department was managed by Miss Nightingale, with a basis of some improvements, and he warmly commended those who had inflicted injury upon the hospital by unfounded attacks. Mrs. Hunter deprecated the system of venting the matrios on such control over the nurses. Sir E. H. Currie denounced as monstrous the charges that had been brought against the nursing department. Mr. Currie moved an amendment in favour of improving the nursing arrangements; but only four hands were held

up in its favour, and the report of the House Committee was adopted.

There were ten cases of suicide in London last week.

There were 1,960 births and 1,377 deaths in London last week.

There were twenty-seven deaths from scarlet fever in the metropolis last week.

Fifty-four deaths in London last week were attributable to accident or negligence.

Measles caused the death of no less than seventy-six persons last week in London.

Infantia has now once more practically disappeared. There were only two deaths last week.

The Riviera has been visited by a severe hurricane. Much damage has been done to property and shipping.

The Prince of Wales has been nominated Grand Master of Mark Masons of England for the ensuing year.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has promised to favourably consider the issue of £1 notes in his next Budget.

The annual production of wine in the Peninsula is calculated at 40,000,000 hectolitres. This year it has only been 23,000,000.

Manchester still heads the list as the unhealthy large town in the kingdom, with a death-rate of 32 per 1,000 per annum.

Peter's pence has hitherto reached thirteen million francs a year. However, Catholic interest in it is somewhat on the decline.

In Court circles in Rome it is stated that the Duke of Salaparuta, his cousin and step-mother.

An amusing phrase is attributed to one of Mr. Parnell's colleagues. Speaking of Mr. Parnell, he said, "Oh, Parnell will certainly have to die, but he'll die scratching."

There were forty-eight deaths from diphtheria in London last week, fifteen from whooping-cough, twelve from enteric fever, and sixteen from diarrhoea and dysentery.

The Government are, so it is said, about to take steps for providing a fresh supply of seed potatoes in the districts in Ireland where the potato crops show a deficiency.

A magnificent work is being executed at the Vatican mosaic factory. It represents the Madonna and child, and the Pope will present it to the Queen Regent of Spain.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Sir Edward Noel Walker, Colonial Secretary of Ceylon, to be Lieutenant Governor of that island and its dependencies.

Men are a good deal like bedsteads; the smoothly varnished side is for the public view, but the rough unplanned splinters rub against the household wall.

Stanley is criticised by an American paper for putting his hands in his pockets. It is a more excusable fault than putting them in somebody else's.

"Dressed best," it seems, is being largely shipped to the country just now from America. Touching consideration for our national modesty.

Jennie, I hear that you are going to become a lecturer.—Minnie: The idea! I am engaged to be married.—Jennie: Oh, well, I knew it was something of the sort.

There is good reason to believe that the cost of New Tupper to the treasury of the National League has, up to the present, been between £40,000 and £50,000.

O'Brien and Dillon are to be presented with Chicago's freedom. They will lose their own for six months when they return to the old country.

The deaths from overlying were not so numerous in London last week. The Registrar-general formally informs us that "nine infants under one year old died from suffocation."

The octogenarian peer, Lord Denham, has a notice on the paper of the House of Lords for the second reading of a bill "to ascertain and limit the duration of speeches in the House of Lords."

The figure states that the project of a marriage between the Duc d'Orleans and Princess Alice has been definitely abandoned. The journal adds that the Duc will go to Russia, and serve one year in the Army.

The Queen has approved of the 20th Hussars being permitted to bear the distinction "Vimiera," in commemoration of the services rendered by the old 20th Light Dragoons.

The greatest toothpick factory in America has been destroyed by fire, but it is said that the building can soon be rebuilt, and the manufacture of this favourite article of diet resumed.

The Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury have decided that the rate of interest on exchequer bills, dated 11th June, 1886, for the half-year ending 11th June, 1891, shall be at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum.

The Rev. John McNeill has told his friends in Glasgow that after his visit to London, he feels like a foreign missionary. "If you leave Glasgow a Scotsman as I was," he remarked, "and go to London, you will find it is foreign land enough."

A New York lady who lost her jewels, worth £20,000, just "discovered" them under her bed! Funny that she didn't find them before, considering how frequently ladies look under the bed for burglars, spoons, and things.

It has been arranged that Mr. Chamberlain will address Unionist meetings at Birmingham in January and at Portsmouth at Easter. Lord Hartington is to speak at Bury in January, and Sir Henry James at Belfast in Easter week.

There is no prospect of serious opposition from the Conservative benches in committee to any of the provisions of the Land Purchase Bill, though objection may be taken in some particulars to the discretion vested in the Lord Lieutenant.

The real remedy for the ills of the humbler classes (says a writer on the eight hours' question in the National Review) is to be found in industry and prudence, and no Act of Parliament can alter the hours of labour save by compulsion or restraint those remedial virtues.

Her Majesty's gunboat Britomart has been ordered to proceed immediately to Clare Island and Inishmurray, in Clew Bay, with ten tons of meal for the relief of the islanders who are now suffering from famine, the potato crop, upon which they depended for the winter, being a total failure.

Lord Salisbury has contributed £50, and the Duke of Westminster £40, to the fund which is being raised by the Freemasons of Great Britain in aid of the recently-opened hospital for the borough. On the 11th inst. a ball is to be given in the Town Hall, Stratford, to assist the finances.

Politics produce curious things in America. This is the way a Sioux Falls man nominates Senator Pettigrew for the Vice-presidency. "What's the matter with taking Frank Pettigrew? He's the kind of a fellow that goes the hull down. They ain't no 'limited company' about him. He's got courage, Frank has, and he ain't scared to vote what he thinks, and he always stan's by his friend."

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain introduced a deputation representing the Birmingham hardware trade to the President of the Board of Trade, with the object of drawing attention to the injury which would be inflicted if the maximum rates proposed by the Board of Trade were adopted. After a long discussion it was decided to select fifty test cases from the railway companies' schedules, which would be criticised by the traders, the arguments pro-

and con being afterwards submitted to the Board.

The Paris paper, *Oil Blas*, pays Zola 30,000 francs for the *revision* of "L'Argent."

Major A. E. Codrington, Coldstream Guards, has been selected for the appointment of brigadier-major of the Home District.

There will be a second matinee of "The Pharos," at the Shaftesbury, on Wednesday, December 10th.

The police in Holland have torn down in several towns revolutionary placards like those posted the other day at Enschede.

The Liverpool City Council has decided by the mayor's casting vote not to open the Art Gallery and Museum on Sunday afternoons.

"Mr. Parnell's documents over published." Thus Mr. Hugh Palfrey Hughes.

The Yankee millionaire, Senator Hurst, who owns one of the richest gold mines in South Dakota, worked in the California mines forty years ago.

There was a quarrel in a saloon in Lancaster, Philadelphia. During it Mallory James struck Barton Kline a blow on the head, from which he died in a few minutes.

It is stated on authority that the Bishop of Lincoln has complied with the judgment of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Court on the question of ritual.

The death is announced of Lord Cottee, in his 81st year. The deceased had held many public offices in an official career extending over the long period between 1834 and 1873.

Dr. A. M. Turner, an ex-Member of the Alabama Legislature, choked his wife and little daughter to death at their home in Falkville. The doctor had twice been in an insane asylum.

Mr. Balfour has accepted the presidency of the Walthamstow Conservative Club, and is expected to pay a visit to Walthamstow next summer.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Detroit, Mich., have decided that the drinking of ginger-ale, ginger-beer, home-made wine, root-beer, and raspberry syrup "violates the pledge."

The weather in Spain continues terribly severe. In the north the cold is excessive, the thermometer for the week past standing every night at from 11deg. to 27deg. below freezing point.

A supplementary estimate is issued for £2,500 for preliminary and incidental expenditure, upon inquiries into, and preparations for, apprehended distress in parts of Ireland.

"Neither Mr. Labouchere nor myself are," says Professor Stuart, in reference to Mr. Parnell's recent assertions, "likely to be suspected either by the English or the Irish people."

The Government of South Australia require that the existing cable tariff shall be maintained for Queensland and New Zealand, and that a guarantee be given against possible loss.

Lord Hartington is concerned lest the money set apart by the County Councils under the Local Taxation Act for educational purposes shall be applied to other objects. He is seeking to obtain a promise to prevent such misappropriation.

A famous singer, much loved by the English public, ends her public career before the dawn of 1891. Pauline Lucas makes her last bow at Vienna with a concert on behalf of two charitable funds and under the special patronage of the Court.

The Prince of Wales will come to town on Monday in order to visit the Smithfield Show. After partaking of luncheon in the board-room, the prince will attend a meeting of the council of the Hackney Horse Society, of which he is president.

The Sultan in a communication addressed to a body of Armenian "notables," has declared that he is still animated by benevolent sentiments towards that nation, notwithstanding the agitation of some "good-for-nothings."

The Secretary for War has issued a royal warrant granting increased lodging allowances to officers stationed in Jamaica, Barbados, and St. Lucia, and making further provision for officers generally on change of station.

It is understood that the Indian Government intend to introduce legislation dealing with the question of infant marriage, the probability, the limit of age at which cohabitation may begin will be raised from ten to twelve years.

The Corporation of London have retained Mr. Boreron Redwood as their consulting adviser under the Petroleum Acts, as well as in connection with any amendment of the same, and have appointed him to conduct the official testing of petroleum in the City.

A sad fate befell a young man named Charles Cooper, at Featherby's brick-fields, Gillingham, near Chatham. He was engaged in digging some brick earth at a depth of twelve feet, when a mass of earth, supposed to have been loosened by the frost, fell on him and crushed him to death.

A serious explosion of gas occurred on Wednesday at Brunswick Works, Sydenham, the residence of Mr. Souter. A maid-servant entered the dining-room at an early hour with a candle, and an explosion of great violence followed. Gas had apparently been escaping throughout the night. Considerable damage was done to the house and furniture, and the gas was badly injured.

Among numerous examples of the mischievous working of the McKinley tariff, the New York Nation cites the instance of microscopes. In spite of the touching appeals of eminent medical men, a microscope which could be bought in Germany for \$400, now costs in America over \$1500.

There are said to be, on some of the American "side-walks," machines which take in the "drop" of a nickel, and in the slot, and I depend, "Drop a nickel, and you respond to the invitation, and when you come back for the animal you find the legend has changed into "Drop two nickels in the slot, and I will let you go your horse." An ingenious people, the Americans.

A Parliamentary paper is published containing a return of all places in the United Kingdom in which the Public Libraries Acts had been adopted up to the end of March last, together with information as to date of adoption and opening of the library or galleries, the numbers of volumes contained in the library and issued, the average daily attendance in reading-room, and the income and expenditure in each case.

The young King Alexander has caused it to be intimated to Queen Natalie that he personally will not suffer any alteration of the arrangements made by his father in respect of his interviews with his mother. In other words, the young King feels no wish to see the Queen, irritated by this message, has declared that she feels absolved from her promise not to lay her most-talked-of memorandum before the Skuptschina.

The Pope has written to the Emperor of Austria, begging him to intervene personally in a question which menaces conflict between Church and State in Hungary, that of the baptism of the children of mixed marriages. The State desires the wishes of the parents alone to be consulted in the matter, while the bishops require that the marriage of the parents shall first take place according to the laws of the Church. The Pope also prays the Emperor not to sanction civil marriage pure and simple without coming to a previous

accord with the Holy See as to the rights of the Church.

At the Manchester Assizes, Mr. Justice Cave passed sentence on three persons, Russell, Peckin and Woodcock, who were found guilty of conspiracy to obtain goods by fraud. The prisoners succeeded in swindling several firms in different parts of the country of large quantities of goods. Russell, who had been previously convicted at Manchester, was now sentenced to five years' penal servitude, and the other two prisoners to six months' hard labour each.

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